

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Beaver Dam Quarry/Beaver Dam Swimming Club Inventory Number: BA-3107
Address: 10820 Beaver Dam Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Cockeysville Zip Code: 21030 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Towson
Property Owner: Hanley Associates Tax Account ID Number: 1900006023
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 8 Tax Map Number: 51-3
Project: BA580A21 Warren Road Cell Tower Agency: EHT Tracerics
Agency Prepared By: EHT Tracerics
Preparer's Name: Elizabeth Breiseth Date Prepared: 1/16/2007
Documentation is presented in: The Beaver Dam Quarry/Beaver Dam Swimming Club MIHP form
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Beaver Dam Swimming Club, established in 1936, is located at 10820 Beaver Dam Road near its intersection with Warren Road. The swimming club occupies the former Beaver Dam Quarry site. This recreational site consists of several buildings: an administrative building, a locker room, two single dwellings, an enclosed pavilion, and four sheds. These buildings flank a quarry used for swimming that averages 40 to 50 feet in depth. The quarry is kidney-shaped and has exposed marble cliffs along the northern elevation. The site also features two in-ground swimming pools constructed of concrete. No structures remain from the quarry. Sited southwest of Beaver Dam Road where it turns ninety degrees west, the swimming club consists of approximately 30 acres. Surrounded by dense vegetation on the north, east, and south elevations, a business park flanks the club to its west.

Administrative Building:

Constructed circa 1950, this one-story, three-bay building serves a variety of functions from food service to canoe storage. The building is constructed with concrete blocks and has a full basement because the land slopes down toward the quarry. The basement has several single-leaf wood doors that open level with the quarry. A front gable roof with overhanging eaves and a raked cornice covers the building. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles and the gable end is clad with a stretcher-bond brick veneer. This administrative building has a single-leaf wood door on the first story, which opens onto a concrete pier. The pier extends over

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MHT Comments: *Lacks integrity to convey association with 19th-century industry; not significant as a recreation site.*

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the quarry. The building has large 16-light wood windows with rowlock sills. Since its construction, no alterations have been made to the exterior of this building. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Locker Room Building:

Constructed circa 1950 of concrete blocks, the locker room building is one-story high and three bays wide. The east and west elevations are clad in vertical board siding, while the rest of the building exhibits its concrete-block construction. The side gable roof is clad in standing-seam metal. The roof extends as a shed roof across the façade, covering the inset entrance to the locker rooms. Wood posts support the shed roof extension. The building has single-leaf doors leading to the men and women's locker rooms; the function of the building precludes windows. Since its construction, no alterations have been made to the exterior of this building. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Lifeguard Single Dwelling:

This one-story, three-bay single dwelling was constructed to house Beaver Dam Swimming Club lifeguards. Constructed circa 1950, the vernacular dwelling is clad in stretcher-bond brick. The house has a side gable roof with a front gable over the entrance bay. The entrance is located within a recessed porch supported by a wood post. An interior brick chimney is located in the main block of the house. Alterations have enlarged the house. A one-and-one-half-story addition runs the along the entire rear elevation of this dwelling. Constructed of wood-frame, the addition is clad in vinyl siding and has a side gable roof. The addition creates the appearance of an asymmetrical gable roof on the house. A deck is also located on the rear elevation of the house and looks onto the quarry. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Shed:

Located in the parking lot north of the lifeguard house, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction. The shed was constructed circa 1980. Clad in T-111 siding, the shed is accessible through double-leaf hinged wood doors. The one-bay shed has a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The roof extends along the façade to form a shed-roofed porch. Wood posts support the shed roof extension. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Employee Single Dwelling:

Constructed circa 1950 to house employees of the Beaver Dam Swimming Club, this two-story house is three bays in width. This vernacular dwelling is set on a concrete-block foundation and constructed of wood framing. Clad in vinyl siding, the house features a cross gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The gable on the west elevation is clad in asbestos shingles. The house has an interior brick chimney. The roof changes to a shed pitch over the eastern bay of the house. The house is fenestrated with a combination of 6/6 windows, 6/6 vinyl-sash replacement windows and 20-light wood casement windows with square-edged wood surrounds. The house has an addition on the north elevation, which provides two separate entrances. Both entrances feature single-leaf wood doors. The one-story entrance addition has a rooftop porch that is covered by a shed roof. The shed roof of this porch extends from the roofline of the main block. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Shed:

Associated with the employee single dwelling, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction. Constructed circa 1980, the shed is sheathed with plywood and is partially covered by Tyvex paper. Located to the east of the house, the shed is accessible by a single-leaf wood door. The one-bay shed has a side-gabled roof clad in asphalt shingles. The interior was not accessed at the time of on-

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site survey.

Pavilion:

Constructed circa 1950 as a pavilion with locker rooms for the Beaver Dam Swim Club, this building presently houses a furniture store. This vernacular structure is set on a concrete foundation and is constructed of wood framing. The pavilion has been enclosed with vinyl siding in order to function as a store. The building has a cross gable roof with overhanging eaves covered in standing-seam metal. The building has an exterior-end brick chimney. Fixed, 3-light vinyl windows and a single-leaf wood door fenestrate the building. A one-story, concrete-block addition located on the rear elevation has a front gable roof covered in standing-seam metal. Fenestration on the addition consists of 6/6 windows and multiple single-leaf doors. A one-story shed-roofed garage addition is located on the northern elevation of the concrete-block addition. The garage addition is clad in vinyl siding.

Southwest In-Ground Swimming Pool:

Constructed circa 1950 of concrete, this in-ground swimming pool is rectangular in plan and is five feet at its deepest end. The pool is located south of the pavilion. A one-story shed-roofed shade canopy is located to the north of the pool. The canopy is constructed of corrugated metal and is supported by metal posts.

Pool Shed:

Located south of the southwest in-ground swimming pool, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction. The shed was constructed circa 1980. Clad in vinyl siding, the shed is accessible by a single-leaf wood door. The one-bay shed has a shed roof of corrugated metal. The interior of the shed was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Machine Shed:

Located to the north of the pavilion, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction. Clad in corrugated metal and plywood, the circa 1970 shed is accessible by a sliding door. The machine shed has a shed roof with plywood cornice. The interior of the machine shed was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Southeast In-Ground Swimming Pool:

Constructed circa 1950, this in-ground pool is rectangular in plan. The pool is constructed with the foundation materials from one of the original quarry buildings, which was razed by the original owner of the Beaver Dam Swimming Club.

Pool Shed:

Associated with the southeast in-ground pool, this one-story, one-bay pool shed is wood-frame construction and stores pool supplies. It was constructed circa 1980. Covered by a flat roof, the shed is accessible by a hinged wood door. The interior of the shed was not accessed at the time of on-site survey.

Statement of Significance:

The Beaver Dam Swimming Club opened in 1936 on the site of the former Beaver Dam Quarry, which was known for the high quality of its marble. The swimming club used the quarry as its primary swimming area and did not construct in-ground swimming

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pools until the 1950s. The Beaver Dam Swimming Club is a significant public recreation area that has been open since 1936 and run by the same family since its opening. The Beaver Dam Quarry is associated with the growth of the mining industry - the major industry in the area - in Cockeysville, Baltimore County, in the first half of the nineteenth century. The quarry, which was owned by the Beaver Dam Marble Company, is known for its role in the construction of the Washington Monument and the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., and, therefore, is recommended eligible under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. Although the Beaver Dam Swimming Club embodies distinctive landscape characteristics due to its earlier use as a quarry, it is not unique in Baltimore County. Three other quarries in the county are now public swimming holes, two of which are located in Cockeysville. The Beaver Dam Swimming Club has multiple supporting structures constructed in the 1950s that compromise the integrity of the site's defining characteristics, which are related to the quarry. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion C. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D. Thus, the Beaver Dam Swimming Club/Beaver Dam Quarry is eligible under Criterion A.

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Capsule Summary**BA-3107****Beaver Dam Quarry/Beaver Dam Swimming Club****10820 Beaver Dam Road****Cockeysville, Maryland****1936****Private**

Opened in 1936 as a recreational facility, the Beaver Dam Swimming Club was founded on the former site of the Beaver Dam Quarry. One of several quarries operating in Baltimore County by the second quarter of the nineteenth century, the Beaver Dam Quarry was notable for the quality of its marble, which was an important building material in both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Marble was quarried at Beaver Dam from 1800 through the mid-1930s. Production at the quarry slowed during the 1920s, and in 1936, Mark P. Hanley leased the site and opened the Beaver Dam Swimming Club. The swimming club used the quarry as its primary swimming area and did not construct in-ground swimming pools until the 1950s. The Beaver Dam Swimming Club is a significant public recreation area that has been open since 1936 and run by one family since its opening.

The Beaver Dam Swimming Club is located at 10820 Beaver Dam Road in Cockeysville, Baltimore County. Sited southwest of Beaver Dam Road where it turns ninety degrees west, the swimming club consists of approximately 30 acres. Surrounded by dense vegetation on the north, east, and south elevations, a business park flanks the club to its west. The quarry is kidney-shaped and has exposed marble cliffs along the northern elevation. This recreational site consists of several buildings constructed during the 1950s: an administrative building, a locker room, two single dwellings, an enclosed pavilion, and four sheds. These buildings flank a quarry that averages 40 to 50 feet in depth. The site also features two in-ground swimming pools constructed of concrete.

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1. Name of Property

historic Beaver Dam Quarry/ Beaver Dam Swimming Club

other

2. Location

street and number 10820 Beaver Dam Road not for publication

city, town Cockeysville vicinity

county Baltimore

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hanley Associates

street and number 14820 Jarrettsville Pike telephone (410) 667-0637

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6350 folio 806

city, town Towson tax map 51-3 tax parcel 8 tax ID number 1900006023

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Exterior Descriptions

Administrative Building:

Constructed circa 1950, this one-story, three-bay building serves a variety of functions from food service to canoe storage. The building is constructed with concrete blocks and has a full basement because the land slopes down toward the quarry. The basement has several single-leaf wood doors that open level with the quarry. A front gable roof with overhanging eaves covers the building. The roof has a raked cornice. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the gable end is clad with a stretcher-bond brick veneer. This administrative building has a single-leaf wood door on the first story, which opens onto a concrete pier. The pier extends over the quarry. The building has large 16-light wood windows with rowlock sills. Since its construction, no alterations have been made to the exterior of this building. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

Locker Room Building:

Constructed circa 1950 of concrete blocks, the locker room building is one-story high and three bays wide. The east and west elevations are clad in vertical board siding, while the rest of the building exhibits its concrete-block construction. The side gable roof is clad in standing-seam metal. The roof extends as a shed roof across the façade, covering the inset entrance to the locker rooms. Wood posts support the shed roof extension. The building has single-leaf doors leading to the men and women's locker rooms; the function of the building precludes windows. Since its construction, no alterations have been made to the exterior of this building. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

Lifeguard Single Dwelling:

This one-story, three-bay single dwelling was constructed to house Beaver Dam Swimming Club lifeguards. Constructed circa 1950, the vernacular dwelling is clad in stretcher-bond brick. The house has a side gable roof with a front gable over the entrance bay. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The entrance is located within a recessed porch supported by a wood post. An interior brick chimney is located in the main block of the

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house. A one-and-one-half-story addition constructed circa 1980 runs the along the entire rear elevation of this dwelling. Constructed of wood-frame, the addition is clad in vinyl siding and has a side gable roof. The addition creates the appearance of an asymmetrical gable roof on the house. A deck is also located on the rear elevation of the house and looks onto the quarry. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to alterations, the lifeguard house is a non-contributing resource.

Shed:

Located in the parking lot north of the lifeguard house, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction circa 1980. Clad in T-111 siding, the shed is accessible through double-leaf hinged wood doors. The one-bay shed has a side gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The roof extends along the façade to form a shed-roofed porch. Wood posts support the shed roof extension. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to the date of construction, the shed is a non-contributing resource.

Employee Single Dwelling:

Constructed circa 1950 to house employees of the Beaver Dam Swimming Club, this two-story house is three bays in width. This vernacular dwelling is set on a concrete-block foundation and constructed of wood framing. Clad in vinyl siding, the house features a cross gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The gable on the west elevation is clad in asbestos shingles. The house has an interior brick chimney. The roof changes to a shed pitch over the eastern bay of the structure. The house is fenestrated with a combination of 6/6 windows, 6/6 vinyl-sash replacement windows and 20-light wood casement windows, all with square-edged wood surrounds. The house has an addition on the north elevation, which provides two separate entrances. The addition was constructed in the late twentieth century. Both entrances feature single-leaf wood doors. The one-story entrance addition has a rooftop porch that is covered by a shed roof. The shed roof of this porch extends from the roofline of the main block. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to alterations, the employee house is a non-contributing resource.

Shed:

Associated with the employee single dwelling, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction circa 1980. The shed is sheathed with plywood and is partially covered by Tyvex paper. Located to the east of the house, the shed is accessible by a single-leaf wood door. The one-bay shed has a side-gabled roof clad in asphalt shingles. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to the date of construction, the shed is a non-contributing resource.

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Pavilion:

Constructed circa 1950 as a pavilion with locker rooms for the Beaver Dam Swimming Club, this building presently houses a furniture store. This vernacular structure is set on a concrete foundation and is constructed of wood framing. The pavilion has been enclosed with vinyl siding in order to function as a store. The building has a cross gable roof with overhanging eaves covered in standing-seam metal. The building has an exterior-end brick chimney. Fixed, 3-light vinyl windows and a single-leaf wood door fenestrate the building. A one-story, concrete-block addition constructed circa 1980 is located on the rear elevation and has a front gable roof covered in standing-seam metal. Fenestration on the addition consists of 6/6 windows and multiple single-leaf doors. Constructed circa 1990, a one-story shed-roofed garage addition is located on the northern elevation of the concrete-block addition. The garage addition is clad in vinyl siding. The interior was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to alterations and additions, the pavilion is a non-contributing resource.

Southwest In-Ground Swimming Pool:

Constructed circa 1950 of concrete, this in-ground swimming pool is rectangular in plan and is five feet at its deepest end. The pool is located south of the pavilion. A one-story shed-roofed shade canopy is located to the north of the pool. The canopy is constructed of corrugated metal and is supported by metal posts.

Pool Shed:

Located south of the southwest in-ground swimming pool, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction circa 1980. Clad in vinyl siding, the shed is accessed by a single-leaf wood door. The one-bay shed has a shed roof of corrugated metal. The interior of the shed was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to the date of construction, the shed is a non-contributing resource.

Machine Shed:

Located to the north of the pavilion, this one-story shed is wood-frame construction circa 1970. Clad in corrugated metal and plywood, the shed is accessed by a sliding door. The machine shed has a shed roof with plywood cornice. The interior of the machine shed was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to the date of construction, the shed is a non-contributing resource.

Southeast In-Ground Swimming Pool:

Constructed circa 1950, this in-ground pool is rectangular in plan. The pool is constructed with the foundation materials from one of the original quarry buildings, which was razed by the original owner of the Beaver Dam Swimming Club.

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Pool Shed:

Associated with the southeast in-ground pool, this one-story, one-bay pool shed is wood-frame construction and stores pool supplies. The shed was constructed circa 1980. Covered by a flat roof, the shed is accessible by a hinged wood door. The interior of the shed was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey. Due to the date of construction, the shed is a non-contributing resource.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	1800, 1835, 1936, 1950	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1936, 1950		

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☒ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Opened in 1936 as a recreational facility, the Beaver Dam Swimming Club was founded on the former site of the Beaver Dam Quarry. One of several quarries operating in Baltimore County by the second quarter of the nineteenth century, the Beaver Dam Quarry was notable for the quality of its marble, which was an important building material in both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Marble was quarried at Beaver Dam from 1800 through the mid-1930s. Production at the quarry slowed during the 1920s, and in 1936, Mark P. Hanley leased the site and opened the Beaver Dam Swimming Club. The swimming club used the quarry as its primary swimming area and did not construct in-ground swimming pools until the 1950s. The Beaver Dam Swimming Club is a significant public recreation area that has been open since 1936 and run by one family since its opening.

The Beaver Dam Quarry is significant for its association with the growth of the mining industry in Cockeysville, Baltimore County, in the first half of the nineteenth century. The quarry, which was owned by the Beaver Dam Marble Company, is known for its role in the construction of the Washington Monument and the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Therefore, the **Beaver Dam Quarry/ Beaver Dam Swimming Club is recommended eligible under Criterion A.** The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion B. Although the Beaver Dam Swimming Club embodies distinctive landscape characteristics due to its earlier use as a quarry, it is not unique in Baltimore County. Three other quarries in the county are now public swimming holes, two of which are located in Cockeysville. The Beaver Dam Swimming Club has multiple supporting structures constructed in the 1950s that compromise the integrity of the site's character-defining features, which derive from its use as a quarry. The swimming club has several buildings associated with its use as a swim club. Two buildings and two structures – an administrative building, a locker room, and two in-ground pools – retain their original integrity and are contributing resources. Five sheds constructed after the period of significance are non-contributing resources. Three buildings on the site have undergone heavy alterations and no longer contribute to the site's significance. Therefore, the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion C. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D. Thus, the Beaver Dam Quarry/Beaver Dam Swimming Club is recommended eligible under Criterion A.

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Historical Context: Cockeysville

Located in the so-called Limestone Valley of Baltimore County, Cockeysville is the earliest of the four main villages in the area. Thomas Cockey settled the valley in 1727 and the town was later named after the Cockey family. Historically, the area was known for its rich farmland and it functioned as an agricultural trading center. Agricultural trade in Cockeysville centered on products such as corn, hay, and wheat due to its proximity to the York Turnpike and the Northern Central Railroad.¹

By the early 1800s, the large deposits of limestone, iron ore, and marble were recognized for their value and Cockeysville quickly developed a limestone, iron, and marble mining industry. The high quality of the marble quarried at Beaver Dam boosted the area and the industry's reputation. As the mining industry expanded, the then-rural Cockeysville simultaneously expanded east and west of the York Turnpike, which was the main transportation corridor at the time. Although the area was comprised mainly of small and large farms, clusters of row houses were located near the quarries to provide housing for miners and their families.²

In 1851, Cockeysville voted against becoming the county seat despite its central location in the county. The town wished to retain its rural character and did not want a jail constructed in the town because they believed it would encourage disorderly gatherings. Situated only 13 miles from Baltimore via the York Turnpike, Cockeysville had access to many resources and services, which allowed the town to remain essentially rural through World War II. After the war, residential development and commercial development along York Road accelerated.³

Beaver Dam Quarry

The Beaver Dam Marble Company, founded around 1800, operated the Beaver Dam Quarry through the mid-1930s.⁴ The Beaver Dam Quarry, typical of quarries throughout Baltimore County, was noted for the hardness of its marble. The high quality of the marble caused it to become an important building material in both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. In 1835, John B. and John F. Connolly purchased the Beaver Dam Quarry. Under the Connolly ownership, the quarry provided marble for the Post Office buildings in Washington, the Peabody Institute, and portions of the Baltimore City Hall building. In 1859, the Beaver Dam Quarry contracted with the federal government to provide 108 columns for the Capitol building. The columns were monolithic, measuring 28' 9" in length with 3' 9" bases and 2' 9" capitals. Shaped by hand, the columns cost

¹ Heritage Committee. *Limestone Valley*, 14.

² Heritage Committee. *Limestone Valley*, 14.

³ Heritage Committee. *Limestone Valley*, 17.

⁴ http://www.thestonestore.com/gal_stories_beaver.html

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between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a piece. In order to facilitate the transportation of the columns to Washington, a spur line was laid from Cockeysville to the adjoining town of Texas, Maryland, where a railroad station already existed.⁵

In 1878, Hugh Sisson, president of the Beaver Dam Marble Company, took control of the quarry. Under Sisson's control, the quarry modernized and no longer depended on blasting and then chiseling by hand to remove stone from its bed. Sisson introduced steam derricks, steam-powered diamond drills, and steam cutters. The cutter ran back and forth along a tramway, which was set over the marble surface to cut to a desired depth. The diamond drill made the horizontal cuts, allowing the blocks to be lifted out of the stone bed by cranes. Modernization cut the work force required to operate the quarry in half.

In July 1880, the Beaver Dam Quarry entered into its most significant contract with the federal government. Sisson signed a contract with Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Casey stating the quarry would provide approximately 40,000 cubic feet of white marble to complete the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.⁶ The Beaver Dam Quarry signed a contract with the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad for exclusive use of the 14th Street tracks in order to transport the marble directly to the Washington Monument construction site.⁷ A schematic published by the Washington Monument Engineer Office indicates the Beaver Dam Marble Company provided marble for the final 156' of the monument, which completed the structure after a 25-year delay.⁸ Production at Beaver Dam Quarry slowed in the 1920s, and one of their final projects was producing marble for Baltimore County reservoir dams.⁹

Beaver Dam Swimming Club

In 1936, Mark P. Hanley leased the Beaver Dam Quarry and opened it as a swimming club that year. At the time of its opening, swimming was limited to the quarry, which is fed by a spring. The 1933 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map* indicates there were nine buildings associated with the quarry just prior to time Hanley obtained the property; however, it is unclear how many of these buildings remained when the swimming club first opened. The original portion of the quarry is approximately 90' deep, significantly deeper than the newer, western portion of the quarry which averages between 40' and 50' in depth. Hanley razed buildings associated with the quarry. The foundation of one of these structures, located south of the older, eastern portion of the quarry, was used to build an in-ground concrete pool during the 1950s. At the end of World War II, Mark P. Hanley purchased the quarry and began major improvements to the land.¹⁰ A 1948 update to the *Sanborn Fire*

⁵ Brooks and Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County*. 207.

⁶ Contract. Hugh Sisson and Lieut. Col. Casey, July 9, 1880.

⁷ Correspondance. Hugh Sisson to Lieut. Col. Casey, November 10, 1884.

⁸ Abstract of Bids. Engineer Office Washington Monument, March 26, 1883.

⁹ Brooks and Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County*. 207-8.

¹⁰ Interviews with Ellen Herwig, owner. January 16 and 18, 2007.

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Insurance Map shows only two structures associated with the quarry still standing; at this time, Hanley had not constructed any buildings associated with the club.

In the early 1950s, two single dwellings, a pavilion, and two swimming-related buildings were constructed. The dwellings originally served to house employees and presently they are rental properties. The pavilion has locker rooms that are used for the site's second in-ground pool, which was constructed during the 1950s. The pavilion has been enclosed and now functions as a store. Four storage sheds are located throughout the property. The rope swing in the eastern section of the quarry is still operational, but the concrete diving pier along the northern elevation had its wooden platform removed in the late 1950s to improve safety conditions. Visitors continued to dive off the marble cliffs below the concrete pier until 2002, when the club roped off the cliffs and surround areas out of safety concerns.¹¹ Swimming is still allowed in the quarry but has been limited to shallow areas close to the southern and western edges of the quarry.

Although Cockeysville was primarily rural in character up through World War II, the swimming club was easily accessible by the Northern Central Railroad line and automobile thoroughfares like York Road and Interstate 83. The club has enjoyed consistent patronage. The club has always been open to the public and offers not only swimming but also large picnic areas, which are located southwest of the quarry. The site has undergone few changes since the 1950s and multiple generations have made a tradition of visiting the Beaver Dam Swimming Club. The property is under a family partnership and passed along to the Hanley children in the mid-1970s. In the 1980s, the family sold land north of the quarry for a three-phase office park development known as Lakefront I, II, and III. No other sales have occurred although the family has periodically leased sections of the property.¹²

¹¹ Interviews with Ellen Herwig, owner. January 16 and 18, 2007.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	30	
Acreage of historical setting	30	
Quadrangle name	Towson	Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Beaver Dam Swimming Club is bounded on the north by the Lakefront Business Park. Beaver Dam Road forms the eastern and western boundaries because the road has a ninety-degree jog. An office park on Beaver Dam Road abuts the southwest corner of the property. The boundary of this property then extends north until it reaches the Lakefront Business Park. These boundaries include the 5 acres that comprise the former Beaver Dam Quarry that is the present-day swimming area and the additional 25 acres of recreational space owned by the Beaver Dam Swimming Club.

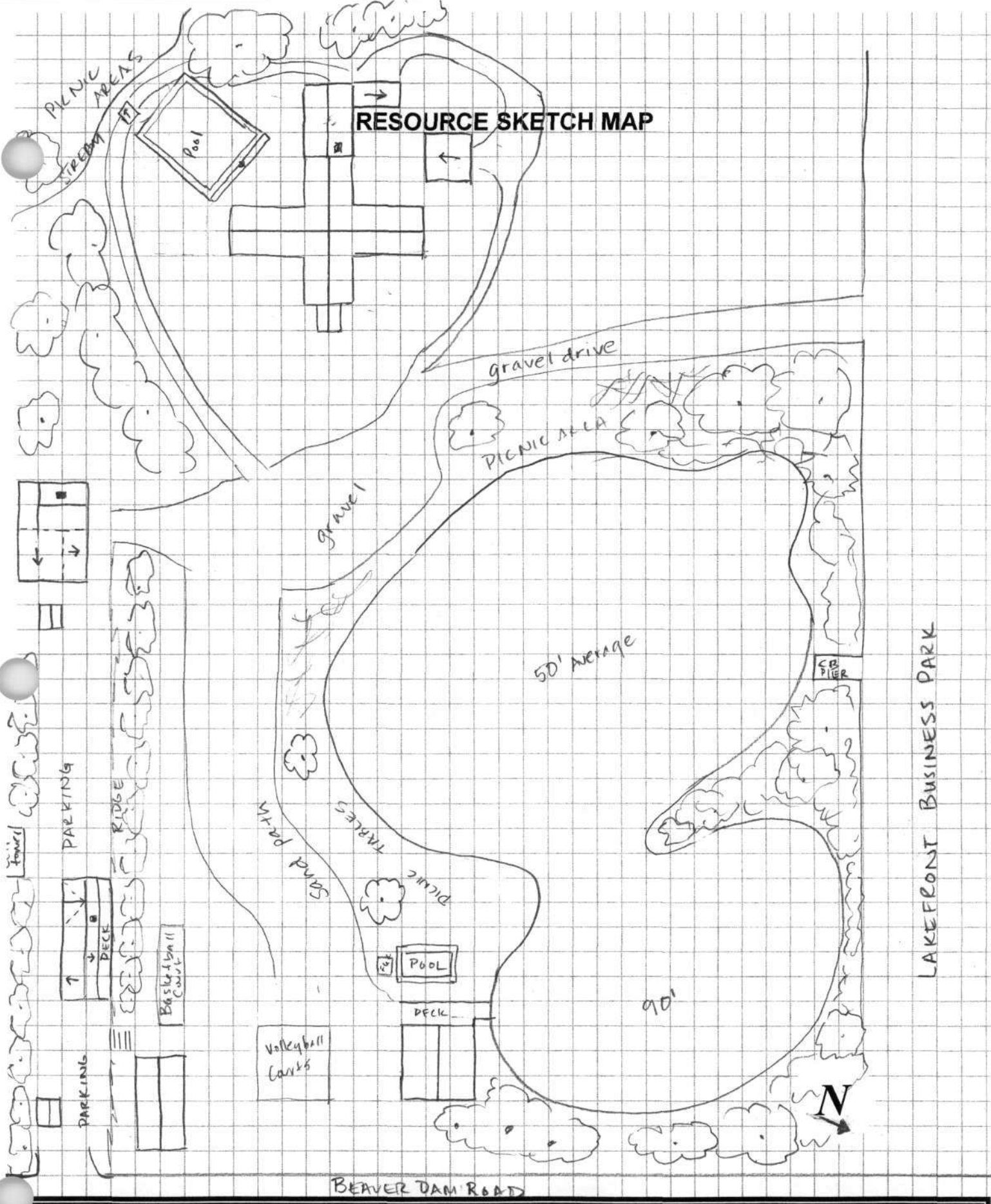
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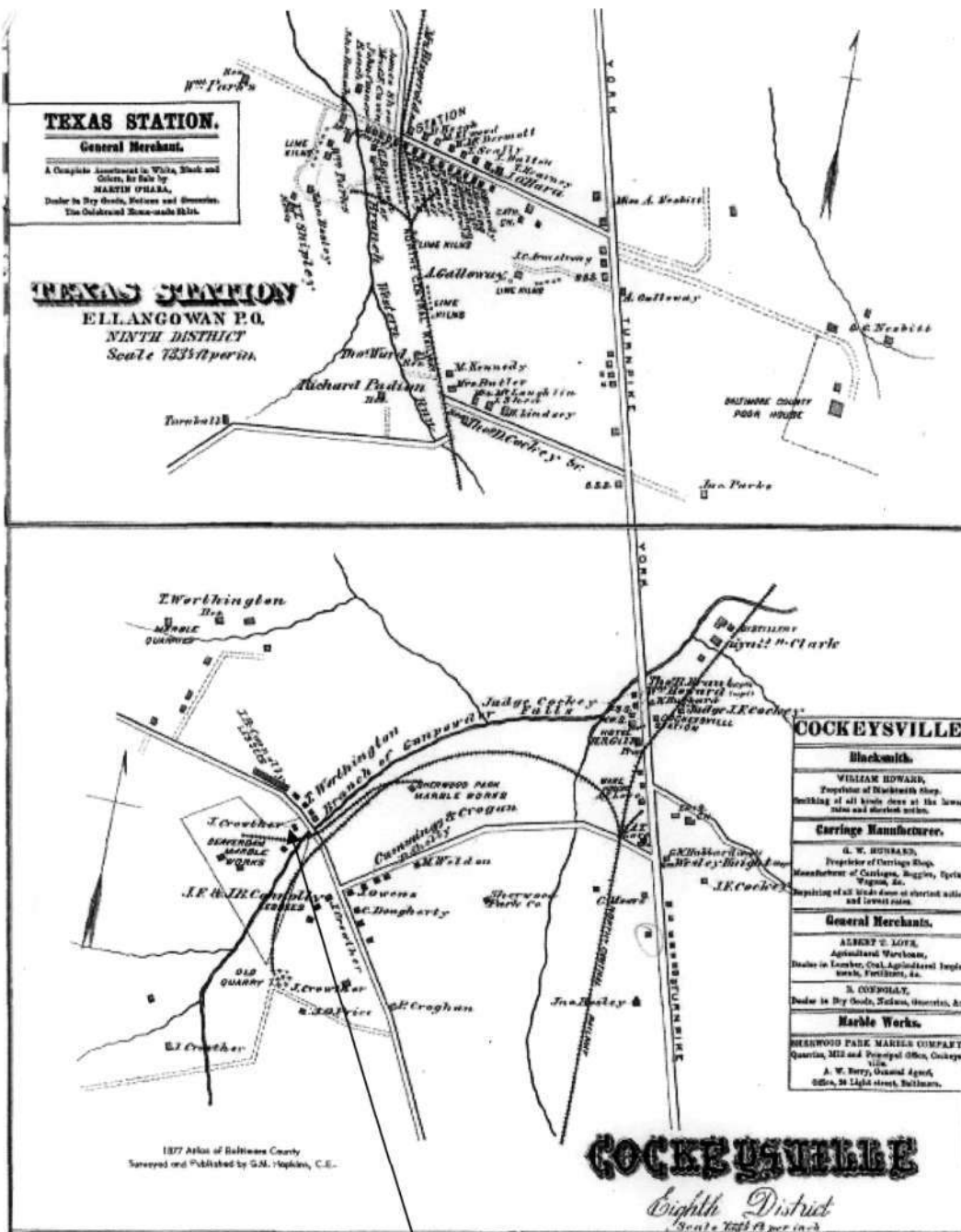
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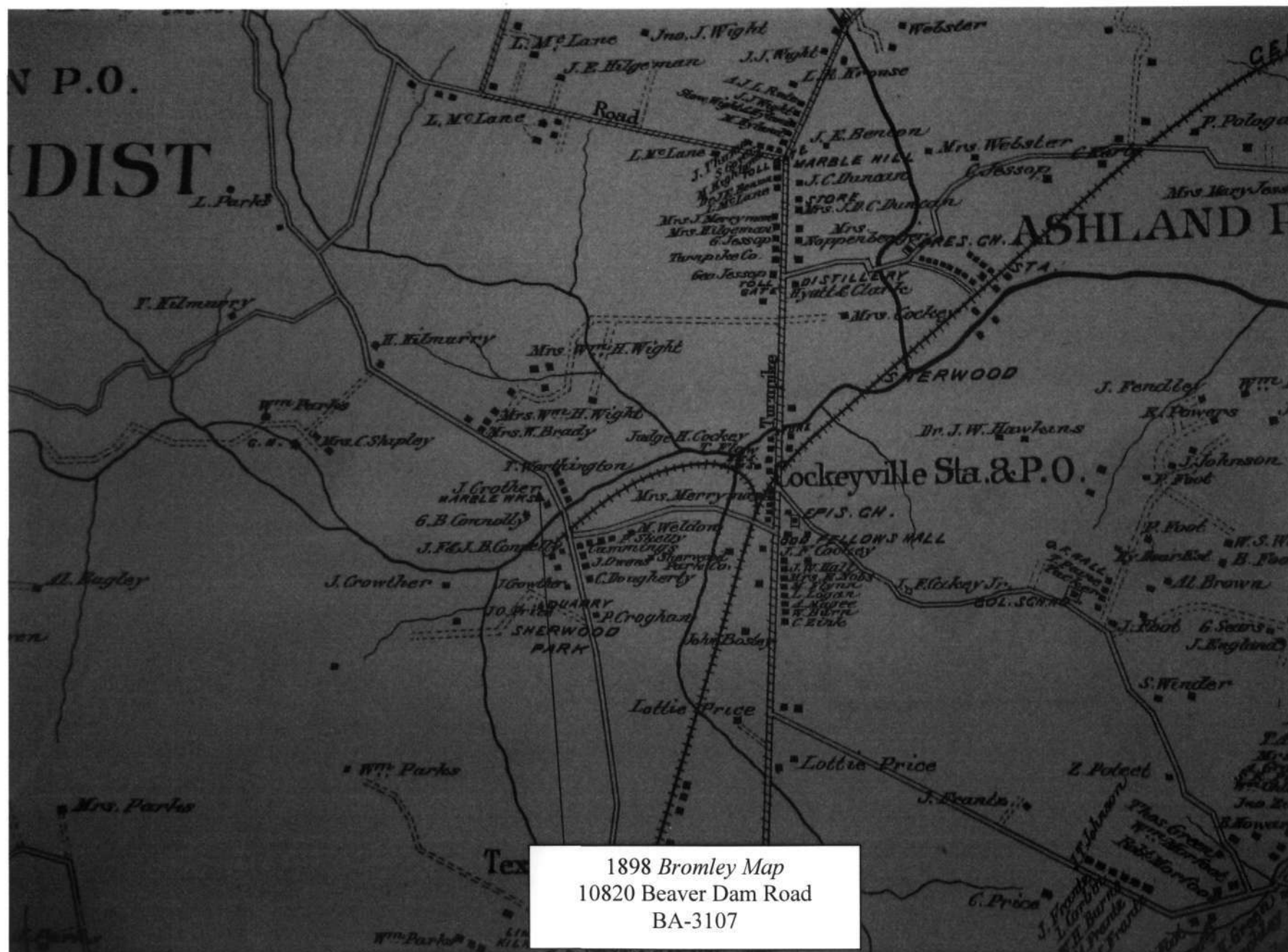
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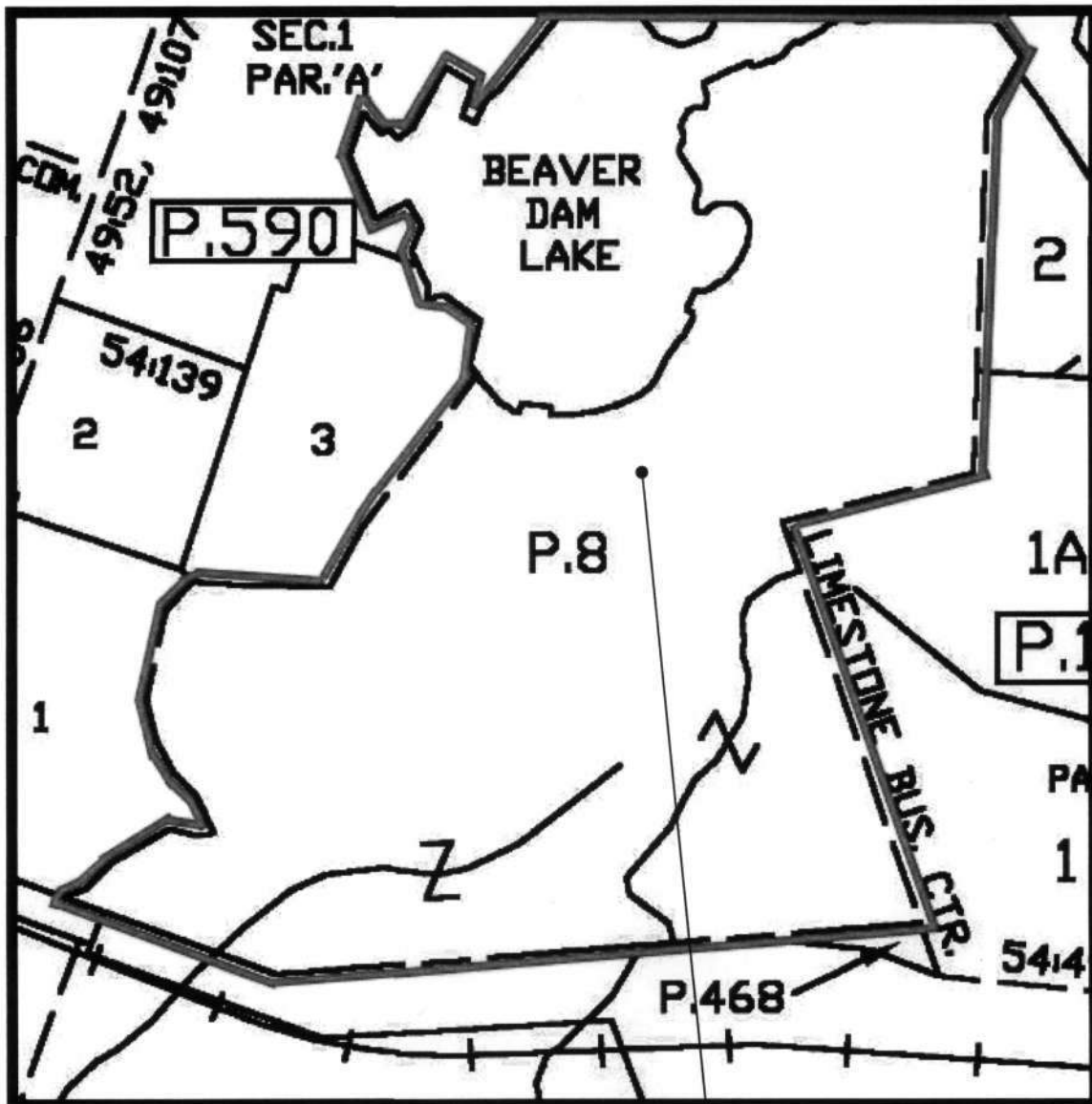


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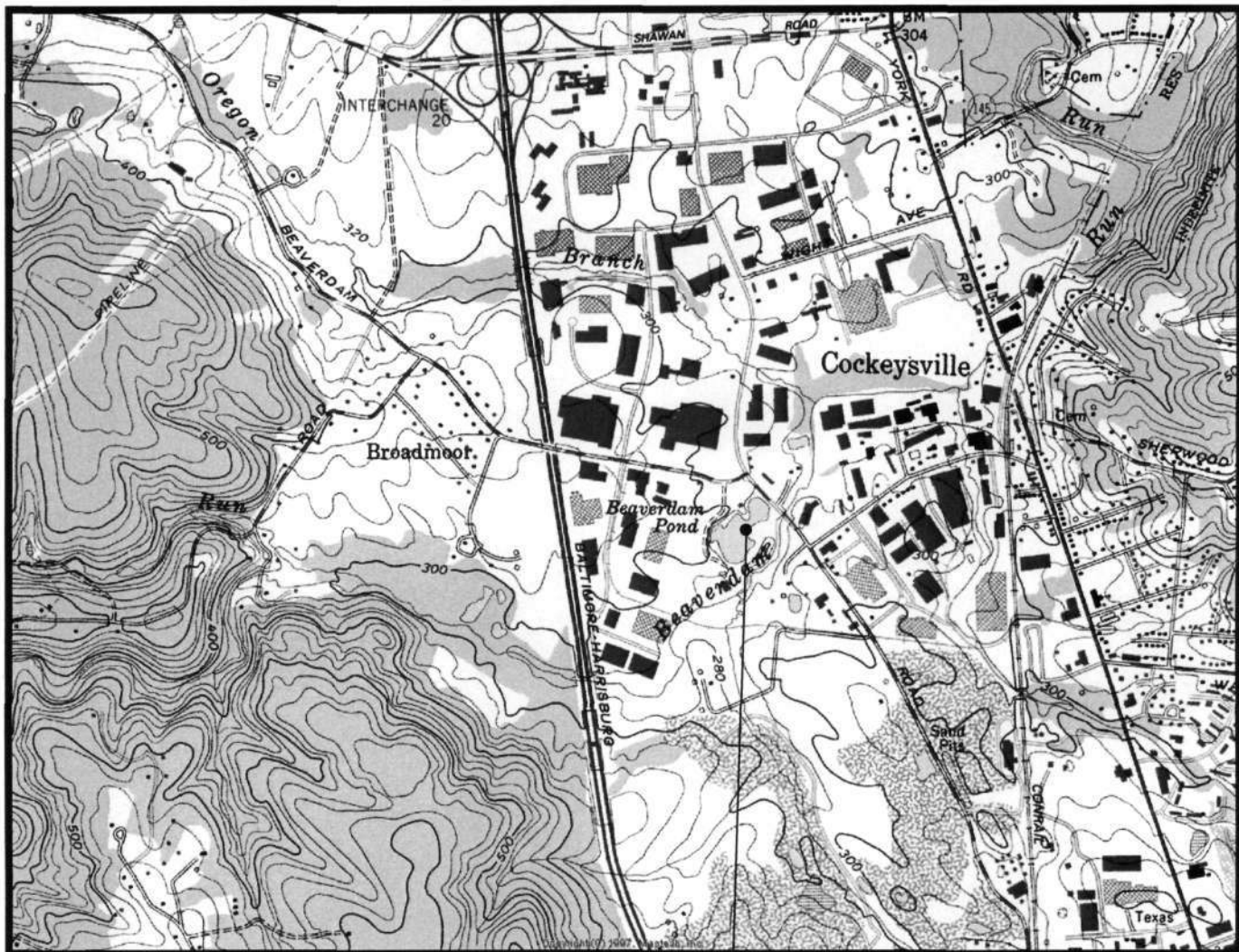
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Facade (north) elevation of the locker room.



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Southwest corner of the administrative building.

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Looking northwest across the quarry.

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Looking west across the quarry.

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Looking east toward a shed.

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Looking northeast toward the Lifeguard house.

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Looking South toward the employee house.



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Looking west toward the pavilion.

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Looking southwest across the in-ground pool.

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Looking south toward the pavilion and its
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Looking South toward the Machine Shed.

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Looking Southeast across the quarry.